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Colleagues,

Attached are three documents for your review and comment: a glossary for standards, revised standards for LHJs, and revised standards for DOH. **Please review and comment back to me by close of business April 21, 2006.**

Some explanation is necessary.

The glossary is provided to help us standardize our terminology and provide some mutual understanding about the terminology used in the standards. We would be happy to add any terms to it. The definitions are those provided by the institution or reference document noted in the right-hand column; therefore, I ask that we not "word smith" the definitions. You will also notice that the glossary is not necessarily alphabetical, rather, it is grouped by concepts. To assist you in finding terms an index is provided. Appendix A is a listing of the critical health services adopted by the SBOH in 2001; it's provided for your reference but not for review and comment.

The Standards are a major change. That said, all of the concepts that were in the original five standards and the draft administrative standards and measures are embodied in this revision. The original six (five plus administration) have been expanded to seven with the addition of "Responding to public health emergencies" as those services that those we serve should expect from public health and are listed on the top of the first page of the new standards. The 2005 review used six standards with 126 measures for LHJs. There are now 12 standards and 80 measures. To help you understand where the new standards came from the description of each standard contains the old standard that the new standards were derived from in parentheses at the end of the standard and left column of the measures revision contains the numbers of the old measures that were used to develop the new measures.

Please realize that these documents will not stand alone. We are developing a matrix of programs that will clarify which standards apply to each public health activity, a "cross walk" that demonstrates how each measure applies to the 10 Essential Services of Public Health, and a guide that will describe how to meet each of the standards. These are in development now or in the near future; it is the Performance Management Committee's intent to have an entire package of standards and reference documents available for our use by the end of 2006.

It was the sub-committee's goal to simplify the standards to eliminate duplication, clarify how the standards apply across public health activities, and to as closely as possible to match LHJ and DOH standards.

The Standards Revision sub-committee, with the incredible work of Barbara Mauer of MCPP, believes we've made significant positive changes to the standards for Public Health, now is the time for you to comment on our work as we prepare to finalize the revision and move it to the PHIP Performance Management Committee for their approval and adoption in June of this year. Thank you for your help and support in this work.

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Hello Revisions Subcommittee!

Here are the revised standards and the glossary. Where there is a yellow highlight there is a change reflecting our discussions last week. I have only highlighted content changes, not numbering changes. I did a little rearranging to make the LHJ and DOH numbers conform whenever possible, without losing the appropriate flow in either document, but highlighting those would just be confusing. Instead, read to see if the flow and order make sense in each document.

You all have agreed to circulate these for discussion to the forums, colleagues, and other key reviewers for comment as we head into the final round of editing. Please arrange to obtain their comments in time to bring them to the next meeting of the committee, on April 27, same time and same place.

Thanks for all of your hard work on this process. Barb

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